A cash proffer is (a)any money voluntarily proffered in a writing signed by the owner of property subject to rezoning, submitted as part of a rezoning application and accepted by a locality pursuant to the authority granted by Va. Code Ann. Section 15.2-2303 or Section 15.2-2298, or (b) any payment of money made pursuant to a development agreement entered into under authority granted by Va. Code Ann. Section 15.2-2303.1.

Fiscal Year 2011-12 Survey

The Annual Cash Proffer Survey for Fiscal Year 2011-12 began in July 2012. The commission mailed the survey instrument to the chief administrative officer of every locality that is eligible to accept cash proffers and has a population larger than 3,500, with a request to return the survey by Sept.30, 2012. Electronic versions of the survey instrument are available for downloading here

. The commission completed its report on the FY 2010-11 survey in November. See the links to the 2011 report below.

Background

Section 15.2-2303.2 of the Code of Virginia requires the Virginia Commission on Local Government to survey annually the acceptance of cash proffers by eligible localities. Only localities with populations larger than 3,500 are required to report. The survey is designed to assist the General Assembly in determining the amount of cash proffer revenues and expenditures of local governments and the purposes for which such expenditures were made beginning in FY2000 and for each fiscal year thereafter.

In that regard, in July of each calendar year the commission requests that the chief administrative officer, or other appropriate official, in affected counties, cities and towns across the state, provide essential information about cash proffers in their respective localities for the preceding fiscal year.

The commission has published the results of its survey since November 2001, and copies of all of the reports have been made available to the public and the chairmen of the Senate Local Government Committee and the House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee.

- <u>Click here</u> for the report on proffered cash payments and expenditures by Virginia's counties, cities and towns.

Your questions, concerns and comments regarding the local government cash proffer survey may be sent to the Commission on Local Government at 600 East Main Street, Suite 300 Richmond, VA 23219 or by email to